Local Bridge Advisory Board Procedures

1) The Local Bridge Advisory Board (LBAB) will receive bridge inventory and condition state analysis data from MDOT's bridge management unit. From this data, the LBAB will determine the percentage of local bridge funds that will be allocated to each region.

2) The LBAB will determine the percentage of funding to be applied to "large" and moveable bridges. The LBAB will have the responsibility of managing the "large" and moveable bridge projects. The LBAB will determine which "large" and moveable bridges will be let to contract in any year. Due to the high cost of these structures, it may be necessary to carry state funds over from one year to the next in order to accumulate sufficient funds for construction.

3) The LBAB will receive complete, rated application data from each regional bridge council and the 3-year bridge plan for each region.

4) The LBAB will meet annually, at a minimum, to review and approve the regional bridge councils' 3-year bridge plan and to evaluate the effectiveness of the past year's program.

5) After the 3-year bridge plans have been approved, the LBAB will submit each region's plan to MDOT's Local Agency Programs bridge unit.

6) The LBAB will be notified by the regional bridge councils of any alteration to the region's 3-year bridge plan. The LBAB will review the changes and if the changes are approved, the LBAB will notify MDOT's Local Agency Programs bridge unit of the changes.

7) The LBAB will review emergency bridge applications. By definition, an emergency is a failure of a bridge due to: an act of God, vehicle collision, or as a direct result of a vehicle load that exceeded the posted and/or legal bridge capacity. Failure due to deterioration over time will not be considered an emergency. The LBAB will vote on whether an application constitutes an emergency and if it is considered an emergency, determine if sufficient funding is available to approve the project. The LBAB will notify LAP and the RBC of any additions to a region's list of projects due to emergencies.